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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MIDDLE GROUND
Roanoke Missionary Baptist
ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ST. MARK'S BAPTIST CHURCH.

OAK CITY. N. C.,

REV. I. S. RIDDICK, B. TH., - - Pastor.

September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1918.

Compiled by - Rev. H. C. Jones.

The next Session will be held with the Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, near Plymouth, N, C., Tuesday after the Third Sunday in September, 1919.

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HARRELL'S PRINTING HOUSE,
Weldon, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY—Morning Session.

September 17th, 1918.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association convened with St. Mark's Baptist Church Sept. 17th, 1918. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. S. R. Riddick and H. L. Davenport. Hymn No. 340 was sung, the 2nd Cor. was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L Davenport. Second selection No. 259 "Go preach my Gospel," said the Lord. The Moderator in a short but interesting way reminded the Association of its object and the importance of the same. He introduced Rev. I. S. Riddick, B. Th., Pastor, to deliver the "Welcome Address." It embodied the many features of the development of the world, and made the elements of the Association welcome to the surrounding advantages.

Motion that Rev. P. G. Gilmore deliver the responses, which was a strong assurance of the acceptance and appreciation of the many features of the address. Visitors and messengers were invited. Elder Joshua Griffin was introduced. His address was inspiring. The Chair asked Rev. I. S. Riddick to respond to Elder Griffin's address.

Motion that the Pastor and Deacons be Committee on Arrangements and Hours of Services and Pulpit Supplies. Motion that we hear the Introductory Sermon. Hymn No. 348, "Come we that love," was sung. Eph. 2nd was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Yarrell. Hymn No. 304, "Father I stretch my hands to thee," was sung. Rev. P. G. Gilmore, the speaker of the hour, selected for his text, "For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the Church, and he is the Saviour of the body, therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be unto their own husbands in every way." Eph. 5:23, 24. Subject: Christ and his bride.

OUTLINES.

Introduction: Discussion of Marriage.

I. First Human Marriage—Isaac and Rebekah. (Verification.)

II. Divine Marriage—Christ and His Church. (Verification.

III. The Triumph of the Bridegroom and the Bride.

Conclusion; The revision of the whole.

Report of the Committee on Hours of Services. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Rev. S. G. Newsome of the Neuse River Association was presented. Motion that Rev. H. C. Jones refund the six dollars for the Statistician Table. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. S. Riddick, B. Th. Benediction by Rev. P. G. Gilmore.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.. Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Association reassembled at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. G. Gilmore. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. R. C. Yarrell and Rev. W. L. Everett. Hymn No. 397 was sung. The 24th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. Williams. Hymn No. 626 was sung. The house was announced ready for business.

Motion that the minutes of the last half day's session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper corrections. The Statistician Table matter was rescinded and referred to the Executive and Trustee Boards.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Motion that the time be extended thirty minutes.

Motion that the Constitution and By-Laws be read.

Churches and Delegates were enrolled.

Motion that a Committee of five be appointed on Place and Preachers for the next Association, viz.: Brothers Clyde Wynn, J. H. Staton, A. A. Jones, A. L. Bennett and W. G. Gaynor. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that there be a Committee of three on Sunday Schools, viz: Revs. J. A. Taylor, H. L. Davenox and Bro. P. T. Everett. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that a Committee of three be appointed on Obituaries, viz: Revs. W. N. Staton, G. L. Williams and R. C. Yarrell. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that there be a Committee of three on Newly Organized Churches, viz: Revs. I. S. Riddick, Peter Moore and S. R. Riddick. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that there be a Committee of three on Credentials, viz: Revs. J. W. Williams, D. D.. T. H. Black and A. Cooper. The above names were affirmed.

The Chair appointed Rev. H. L. Davenport to raise the collection, which amounted to $4.70.

Benediction by Rev. S. R. Riddick.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

TUESDAY—Night Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the regular appointees Revs. H. L. Davenport and R. C. Yarrell.

Voluntary by the choir Hymn No. 298 was sung. The 105 Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Staton. Music by the Choir.

The Chair introduced the speaker in the person of Rev. H. L. Davenport, who selected for his text: "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the Disciples, 'Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder.'" Matthew 26:36. Subject: "Gethsemane a place of sorrow, prayer and victory."

OUTLINES.

Introduction: Location, History and Occasion of the Text.
I. Gethsemane a place of sorrow. (Verification.)
II. " " " prayer. "
III. " " " victory. "
Conclusion: Advantages Victory brought to the Cause.

Prayer by Rev. R. C. Yarrell. Music by the Choir.

Rev. I. S. Riddick, President of the Higgs' Roanoke Seminary, put forth in a clear and concise way, the progress attained in the erection of the new building. The Chair appointed Rev. G L. Williams to raise the collection, which amounted to $31.27. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. G. L. Williams.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 9:45 a. m., Sept. 18th, 1918.

The house was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. Mc Outerbridge

and Rev. W. W. Staton. Hymn No. 279 was sung. II Peter, 2nd Chapter was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Cooper. Hymn No. 562 was sung. The Chair announced the house ready for business.

Motion that the minutes of the last half session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper corrections.

Motion that a Committee of three be appointed on the State and Condition of the Country, viz: Rev. I. S. Riddick, Hon. T. W. C. Moore and Rev. D. C. Cobb. The above names were affirmed.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Motion that a Committee of seven be appointed on Nomination of Officers, viz: Bros. T. W. C. Moore, Clyde Wynn, A. Howell, Milton Stancil, S. H. Horn, S. G. Sanders, (Mrs. Bulah Sanders, Proxy.) and W. B. Nichols. The above names were affirmed.

Rev. J. E. Tillett, Pastor of Long Ridge Baptist Church, and Deacon A. A. Bryant, Grifton, N. C., were presented. Motion that the doors of the Association be opened. Motion that Rev. J. E. Tillett and Bro. L. L. Linyear become members of this Association by the proper recommendations and the payment of one dollar. Rev. D. C. Cobb was reinstated. Enrollment of Churches and Delegates continued.

Received from various persons on their pledges for the school building the amount of two hundred and six dollars and ten cents ($206.10.)

The Chair appointed Bro. Ben Nichols to raise the collection, which amounted to $10.80. Benediction.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 2:00 p. m. The house was called to order by the Chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. C. W. Brown and C. H. Williams. Hymn No. 6 was sung. Matt. 28th was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. Brown. "Glory to his name" was sung.

The house was announced ready for business. Motion that the minutes of the last half day's session be read. Motion that the minutes be received and adopted with the proper correction.

Report of the delegate from the Sunday School Convention, he presented $75.00. The report was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was extended to the Convention for its hospitality.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Roll of Ministers and Life Members were called.

Pledges continued. Amount collected from pledges were $108.50.

The Chair appointed Rev. E. S. Bownes to raise the collection which amounted to $2.00.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH,

Preaching was held at St Paul's Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the regular appointees Revs. A. Cooper and S.G. Newsome, D. D. Hymn No. 376 was sung. Gal. 3rd was read, Rev. R. F. Fleming's second selection.

The Speaker, Rev. A. Cooper, selected for his text: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Theme, "Stand up for Jesus."

Introduction: The reason Paul addressed the Roman brethren in this way.

I. Take moral courage.

II. In order to stand you must be in communion with trinity.

III. The necessity for standing with Jesus.

IV. Stand up in every principal of life.

Conclusion: An entreaty to stand up for Jesus:

Prayer was offered by Rev. Z. R. Powell. A few words of praise were sung. Rev. Z. R. Powell raised the collection to the amount of $2.69. And after collection was raised for an orphan which included is another collection.

Benediction by Dr. S. G, Newsome.

WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 7:45 p. m. The house was called to order by the Chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the regular appointees Revs. J. E. Tullett and W. L. Everett. Voluntary

by the Choir, Hymn No. 626 was sung. The 100th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. Z. R. Powell. "Stand up for Jesus" was sung.

The Chair introduced Rev. J. E. Tillett as the speaker of the hour. He selected for his text: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Rev. 12:1. Subject: "Emphatic Church."

OUTLINES.

Introduction.

I. The garments of the Church—Clothed with the Sun.

II. The position of the Church—With the Moon under her feet.

Conclusion: The reward of the Church.

Music by the Choir.

Rev. C. W. Brown was appointed to raise the collection, which amounted to $21.55.

Rev. S. G. Newsome was introduced to represent the Oxford Asylum. He stated the advantages received at the Asylum, its needs and attainments.

He introduced an inmate of the Asylum in the person of Master Hubert Flagg, who rendered the following selections:

Solo—"Walk with me"

Dec.—"Volunteer!" (Patriotic.)

Prof. H. S. Hargrave raised a collection of $20.70 for the Asylum. Thanks were given unto our God for the contribution by Master Flagg.

Report of the Committee of Higgs Roanoke Seminary. (See report) The report was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks extended to the Committee.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Tillett.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 9:30 a. m., Sept. 19th, 1918.

The house was called to order by the Chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. D. C. Cobb and Rev. H L. Davenport. Hymn No. 287 was sung. The 90th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe. Brown. Hymn No. 402 was sung.

The house was announced ready for business.

Motion that the minutes of the last half day session be deferred.

Report of the Committee on State and Condition of the Country. (See report). It was received and adopted and the Committee discharged. Rev. W. W. Staton made a statement. Business was suspended for preaching. Rev. W. W. Staton and Rev. J. B. Brown took their places in the pulpit. Hymn No. 562 was sung. Read the 92nd Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Staton. Rev. J. B. Brown selected for his text: "I will arise and go unto my father." Luke 15:18. The sermon was very inspiring and filled with the spirit Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Davenport.

The Delegates of the Women's Union presented $30.00 to the Association. Motion that the report be received and a vote of thanks be extended that organization.

Report of the local meeting of the Executive and Trustee Boards. (See report). It was received and adopted.

The President of the Higgs Roanoke Seminary, Rev. I. S. Riddick and Principal H. S. Hargrave, in a very pathetic manner presented the $25.00 and the $10.00 respectively, that was presented them by the Trustee Board for their splendid and untiring services. A vote of thanks was tendered them.

Report of the Committee on Credentials. (See report.) It was received and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Motion that Rev. A. J. James, W. L. Everett, H. L. Davenport and J. B. Brown become members of this Association.

Benediction. Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D. Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association re-assembled at 2:00 p. m.

The house was called to order by the chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. J. E. Tillett and A. James. Hymn No. 216 was sung. The 92nd Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Bro. Thad Savage.

The house was announced ready for business.

Motion that the minutes be turned over to the Executive Board.

Report of the Trustee Board. (See report.) It was received and adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee. (See report). It was received and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Total collection from all sources was $1108.15.

Motion that a vote of thanks be extended St. Mark's Baptist Church for her hospitality.

Motion prevailed that we have 500 minutes printed.

Motion that the matter of compiling the minutes be transferred to the Executive Board.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Williams.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

EXTRA SERVICES THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Preaching was held at St. Paul's Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. S. R. Riddick and J. A. G. McNair. Hymn No. 304 was sung. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. R. House. A few words of praise was sung.

Rev. J. A. G. McNair introduced the speaker of the hour in the person of Rev. S. R. Riddick, who selected for his text: "For where a testament is, there must also of a necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." Heb. 9:16, 17. Subject: "Christ is our testator."

OUTLINES.

Introduction: The reason Paul addressed the Hebrews in the language of the text.

I. Christ the testator of all of us. (Verification.)

II. The honor and respect due the testator.

The sermon was a soul-stirring one, and expressions of appreciation was shown by all.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. G. McNair. Collection. Benediction, Adjournment.

REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF COUNTRY.

We your Committe on State and Condition of the Country beg leave to render the following report:

We find our country in a deplorable condition. The whole of Europe except Spain is in war. The whole of the United States and Dominion of Canada and the greater part of South America are engaged in one of the most bloody wars ever chronicled in the annals of history. Many a home in the United States has been looked back at by a sorrowing and departing son. Thousands of sons have gone to meet death for Democracy on the high sea or on the rocky plains of Europe. If a condition of peace be reached, some will return to their homes to bring us the news of the terrible horrors of the firing line of the battle field, to be re-united with their loved ones.

The country in general is in a good financial condition. The laborer gets well paid for his labor The farmer gets the highest market prices for his produce. Never in the history of the freedom of the negro race has money been so plentiful, but with the great fluxuation of money and its wide circulation, the high cost of living is equal in demands.

We your Committee would advise that during these flourishing conditions that the man with money pay his debts if he has any, or buy real estate, or put his money in the bank for the rainy day, and when this terrible world war is at an end, we will not be worse off than we were at the beginning.

We wish to say that we are still making progress along the Educational line, and arranging better facilities for better Education.

We are further glad to say that the negro is loyal to his country and to his God.

We recommend that all members of the Middle Ground Roanoke Baptist Association, eradicate sin of every kind and plant their feet on higher ground and pray for a closer walk with God. That this great and unnecessary bloodshed be at an end.

Humbly submitted by your Committee,

I. S. Riddick, T. W. C. Moore,

D. C. Cobb, Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Brother Moderator permit me to make my report as follows:

Money on hand Sept. 20, 1917	$	16 76
Received from Association		301 10
" " Sept. 30		97 80
" " Board Oct, 26		1000 00
" " Union Dec. 29		47 00
" " St. Mark, Jan. 26, 1918		4 00
" " Union, March 30		106 65
" " The S. S. Convention, March 14		36 00
" " Board, May 18		200 00
" " Union, June 29		135 65
Total Receipts	$	2238 66
Total Disbursements		2125 97
Money on hand to date	$	112 69

This I humbly submit for investigation

P. T. Everett, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE BOARD.

Brother Moderator, allow us to make the following report:

Received from different sources from Sept. 20, 1917 to Sept. 17, 1918,	$	2238 66
Paid out for various causes		2125 97
Money on hand to date	$	112 69

This we humbly submit,

T. W. C. Moore, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

The Executive and Trustee Boards of the Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association convened at 9:00 a. m., Sept. 19, 1918. in St. Paul's Baptist Church, Oak City, N. C. The 123 Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. L. Williams. The meeting was announced ready for business by the Chairman Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.

Report of the Principal of Higgs Roanoke Seminary. It was received and adopted.

Motion that the Principal of Higgs Roanoke Seminary furnish the Secretary of the Trustee Board and the Treasurer with a monthly report.

Motion that a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Principal of Higgs Roanoke Seminary for their splendid and untiring services. Amendment: That the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) be given President I. S. Riddick, as a token of appreciation and love for the untiring service and sacrifice, without compensation for these four years, and a sum of ten dollars ($10.00) be given Principal H. S. Hargrave for his untiring service and sacrifice.

Motion that the President and Principal hold their positions as long as the Trustee Board can agree with them.

Motion that there be a mass meeting of this Association at Higgs Roanoke Seminary, Parmele, N. C., on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in Nov., 1918.

Presentment of the tokens of respect, mentioned above by our able and eloquent Secretary of the Trustee Board, Hon. T. W. C. Moore. Benediction. Adjournment

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Moderator.
" J. A. Taylor, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that:

Whereas, The Sunday School is an organization for the training of youths in the services of the Lord, and whereas there ought to be a Sunday School in every church and community. Be it Resolved that such an effort be encouraged by every minister, and each Sunday School represent to the Sunday School Convention, Sub-Meetings and Mass Meetings. J. A. Taylor, P. T. Everett

H. L. Davenport, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We the Committee on the Nomination of Officers, beg leave to report: We have decided, with your approval to allow all of the officers to remain.

T. W. C. Moore, Clyde Wynn,
A. A. Howell, S. H. Horn,
W. L. Stancil, W. D. Nichols,
Sister Bulah Staton, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Moderator, we the Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: Received from Churches, Ministers. Licentiates, Members and other sources the amount of $700.00. George McNair, C. C. Close,

Jessie Williams, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUR OF SERVICES.

We your Committee on Hour of Services beg leave to report. To assemble at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 12:30 p. m. Re-assemble at 2:00 p. m., adjourn at 4:00 p. m. Re-assemble at 8:00 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

S. G. Burnett, John Staton,
John Brown, J. D. Williams, Jr.,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We your Committee on Place and Preacher beg leave to report. We have agreed that the next session of the Association be held with Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, near Plymouth, N. C. J. E. Tillett, W. L. Everett,
A. L. Bennett, Clyde Wynn,
W G. McNair, A. Jones,
J. H. Staton, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We your Committee on Obituary beg leave to report. That there have been nineteen deaths in our fold. (See Statistical Table.)

W. W. Staton, G. L. Williams,
R. C. Yarrell, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SUPPLIES.

We your Committee on Pulpit Supplies beg leave to report that: To preach at 8:00 p. m. Sept. 17th, 1918, Rev. H. L. Davenport, with Rev. R. C. Yarrell alternate.

To preach at 3:00 p. m., Sept. 18th, at St. Paul's Baptist Church, Rev. A. Cooper, with Rev. S. G. Newsome, D. D., alternate.

To preach at 8:00 p. m. Sept. 18th, Rev. J. E. Tillett, with Rev. W. L. Everett, alternate.

To preach to-day at 3:00 p. m., Sept. 19th at St. Paul's Baptist Church, Rev. S. R. Riddick, with Rev. J. A. G. McNair as alternate. I. S. Riddick, S. G. Burnett,
John Staton, J. H. Brown,
J. C. Williams, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the following Brethren were examined and found to be

NAMES OF THOSE WHO PAID AND THOSE WHO DID NOT PAY THEIR PLEDGES.

NAME.	PLEDGES.	PAID.
C. C. Close	$ 1 00	$ 25
C. W. Brown	1 00	1 00
J. W. Williams	1 00	1 00
J. A. Taylor	1 00	50
A. I. Wynn	1 00	50
P. T. Everett	1 00	1 00
T. W. C. Moore	1 00	25
P. G. Gilmore	1 00	
J. H. McNair	1 00	1 00
W. W. Staton	1 00	26
Peter Moore	1 00	90
A. C. Yarrell	1 00	50
E. S. Bowers	1 00	25
G. L. Williams	1 00	
Z. R. Powell	1 00	30
John Dugger	1 00	
H. S. Holloman	25	
M. E. Horton	25	17
James W. Williams	25	5
Lewis Holloman	25	
Geo. McNair	50	32 50
J. A. G. McNair	25	15
Luke Faulk	25	2
R. E. Manning	25	10
Lucy Vines	5	1
William Brooks	25	5
David Black	25	25
T. H. Black	50	15
S. P. Joyner	50	
W. L. Everett	25	12
S. R. Riddick		22
R. A. Morriscy	25	
J. R. Jenkins	25	
W. C. Camps	25	15
W. M. James	25	
Joe Brown	50	
R. E. Williams	50	
H. L. Davenport	10	
C. H. Stokes	35	5
S. S. Slade	25	
S. M. White	5	5

NAME.	PLEDGES.	PAID.
Jack Ruffin	$ 25	$
Wash Haggard	5	
Alfred Bennett	25	
H. B. Bell	25	
Willie Latham	5	5
R. H. Staton	5	5
Mary Linyear	25	25
J H Spruil	25	5
Jack Blunt	25	5
A. M. Brown	25	5
Jordan Rodgers	25	2
R. C. Fleming	25	1
C. H. Williams	50	5
M. C. Otterbridge	25	
J H James	10	
C. P. McNair	50	6
Samuel Slade	25	
J. T. McNair	50	5
Samuel E. Moore	25	4
Warren House	5	5
R. A. Loyd	10	
S. M. Wymbush	50	
Lewis Otterbridge	25	5
Ruth Slade	10	10 20
Allie Peel	10	10
Robert Mason	10	
Ephraim Williams	10	
Fannie Faulk	2	50
Demsy Thomas	5	
Jollie Connie	20	
Lizzie Fields	25	25
W. S. Spruil	25	5
J. D. Slade	5	5
H. F. Everett	5	2
Mary Briley	3	3
S. B. Spruil	5	
Albert Lee	10	
Julia Black	25	

COLLECTIONS OF SUBSCRIPTION NOV. 26, 1918.

James Hardy	$ 300 00
T. W. C. Moore	100 00
W. T. Hyman	100 00
Ed Taylor	100 00
Mary Taylor	100 00
Isaac Battle	200 00
Spencer Burnett	100 00
Z. R. Powell	70 00
A. J. Wynn	50 00
C. C. Close	25 00
J. A. Taylor	50 00
David Black	25 00
G. L. Williams	10 00
Emma Williams	10 00
W. M. Cutchins	9 00
Ruth Slade	5 00
Nannie Rolls,	5 00
Jennie Chancie	5 00
W, L. Everett	12 00
Jennie Teal	1 00
Martha Battle	1 00
Della Cutchens	1 00
Laura Teal	50
Lucy Freeman	50
R. C. Yarles	50 00

SUBSCRIPTION OF DEC. 27, 1918.

Rev. P. G. Gilmore	$ 12 50
" J. A. McNair	5 00
" Geo. McNair	17 50
St. John's Baptist Church	5 65
W. L. Everett	1 00
Rev S. P. Joyner	5 00
Anderson Wiggins	150 00
W. E. Dugger	5 00
R. W. Clemons	1 00
Geo. Wynn	5 00
Joe. Brasley	25 00
J. H. Galles	10 00

APPENDIX.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called to order and remarks by the Moderator.
2. Address of Welcome and Response.
3. Inviting Visitors and Messengers to seats.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Reading the Constitution and By-Laws.
6. Enrolling of Churches and Delegates.
7. Report of Churches failed to represent last session or sessions.
8. Appointment of Committees and report of Churches.
9. Report of the President of the Higgs Roanoke Seminary.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Report of Executive Board and Trustee Board.
12. Reports of various Committees.
13. Reports of Corresponding Messengers.
14. Miscellaneous Business, Etc.

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, licensed preachers, messengers from churches and life members, who shall be entitled to seats in the same.

Section 3. This Association shall have a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary. Treasurer, an Auditor, Statistical Secretary, Historian, Executive Board and Board of Trustees, who shall be elected annually by the Association. Their term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the Association, or as soon as their successors are known.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall give bond for double the amount of money that goes into his hands from time to time, from this Association.

Section 5. Any newly organized Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the payment of two dollars.

Section 6. Any male member of a regular Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the proper recommendation and the payment of one dollar.

Section 7. Letters received by this Association from the various churches composing the same shall express the total number in full fellowship, the number baptized, those received by letter, excommunicated, and those deceased since the last sitting of the Association, and a statement sent back to the various churches informing them of their entire indebtedness to this Association.

Section 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor interfere with the internal rights of the churches

Section 9. The object of this Association shall be to aid Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial and General Education, the Orphan Asylum and the Higgs Roanoke Seminary, Parmele, N. C.

Section 10. It is recommended by this Association that each church represent with $1.00 per male member and 50 cents per female member.

Section 11. This Association shall supply the various churches composing this body with minutes of each annual session, which shall be directed to the Clerks of the churches in care of their pastors.

Section 12. This Association shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from any church, minister or member who shall violate its rules or principles of immorality or religion.

Section 13. No question is to be discussed until it is motioned for and seconded, and distinctly stated by the Moderator,

Section 14. After a motion is fully before the meeting the mover cannot withdraw it, except by the unanimous consent of the body.

Section 15. A motion shall contain but one distinct proposition.

Section 16. The minutes of each session shall be corrected (if need be) and adopted.

Section 17. This Association shall have power to inquire into why each church is not represented.

Section 18. This Association shall have power to adjourn to convene with any church Tuesday before the fourth Lord's day in September of each year.

Section 19. The Executive Board shall consist of five members including the Moderator, who shall have power to attend to all necessary business of the Association prior to its sitting and report annually.

Section 20. Hiscock's Directory, the Constitution and By-Laws shall govern this body.

Section 21. All money raised during the Associational year shall be expended for the benefit of the Higgs Roanoke Seminary except for charitable purposes as are herein set forth.

Section 22. The Board of Trustees shall have power to borrow money, the amount of which is not limited. Amendment: The Trustee Board shall consist of a specified number including honorary members.

Section 23. Each ordained minister belonging to this Association shall pay one dollar; each licensed preacher shall pay fifty cents annually to this Association.

Section 24. The Executive Board and Board of Trustees shall be paid for their services rendered at the sittings of the Association.

Section 25. All the money raised for the benefit of the Roanoke Seminary, shall, after all expenses are paid, go into the Treasurer and be drawn out, only by an order from the Secretary of the Trustee Board, signed by the Chairman of the above stated Board.

Section 26. This Constitution shall be subject to a change by a two-third vote of the members present, composing this body.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer. No more than one shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator with these words, "Brother Moderator."

Article 2. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted unless he is out of order. The person speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, but fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

Article 3. No brother shall abruptly break off or absent himself without obtaining liberty from the Association and Moderator.

Article 4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining liberty from the Moderator.

Article 5. The Moderator shall not whisper or allow any brother to whisper to him, or prohibit any member from speaking unless he is out of order.

Article 6. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Secretaries, and called over as often as the Association may require.

Article 7. The Moderator may be entitled to give his advice on any subject before putting the vote, but not entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

Article 8. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association.

Article 9. When any member or church is recognized, the same shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.